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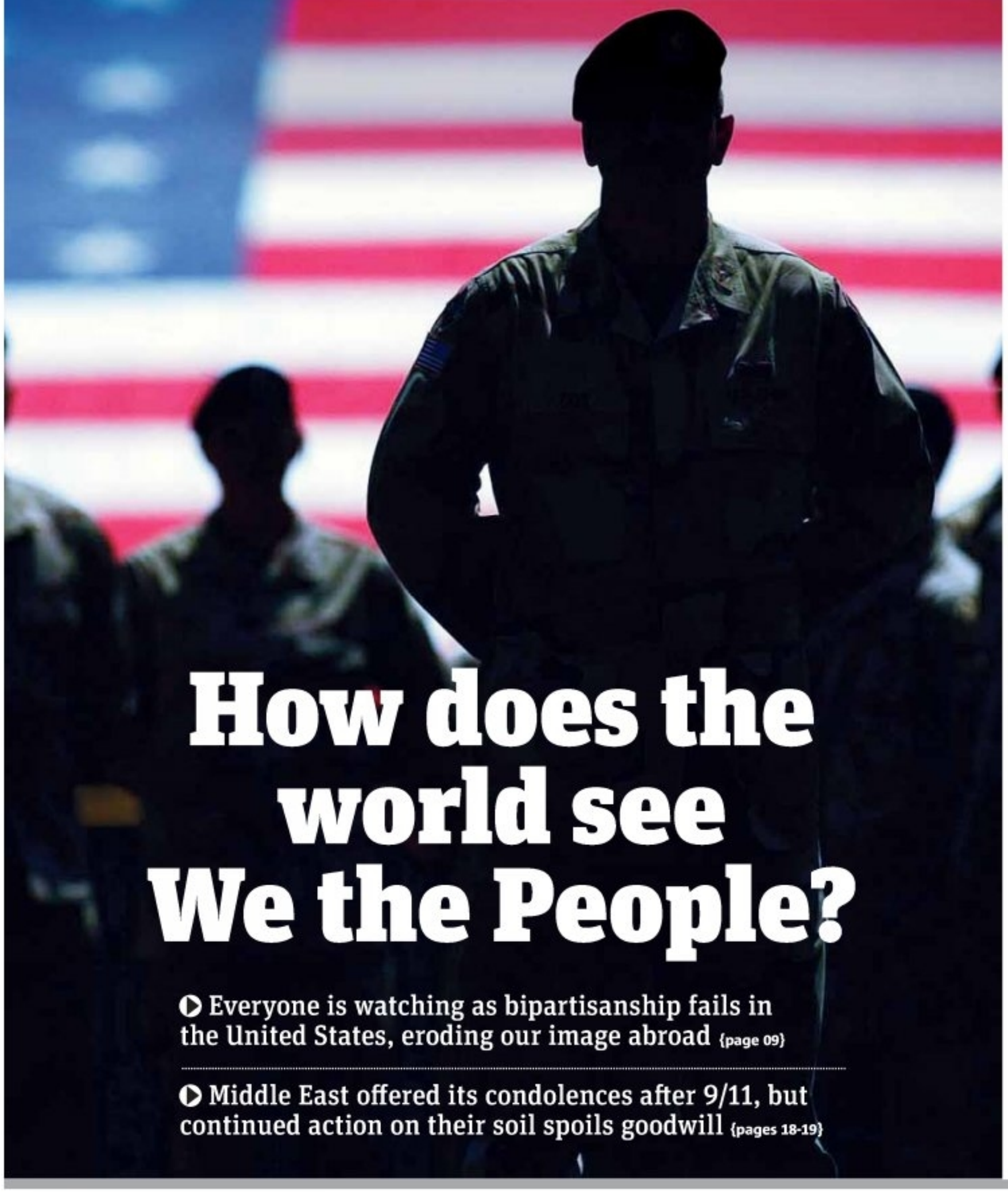

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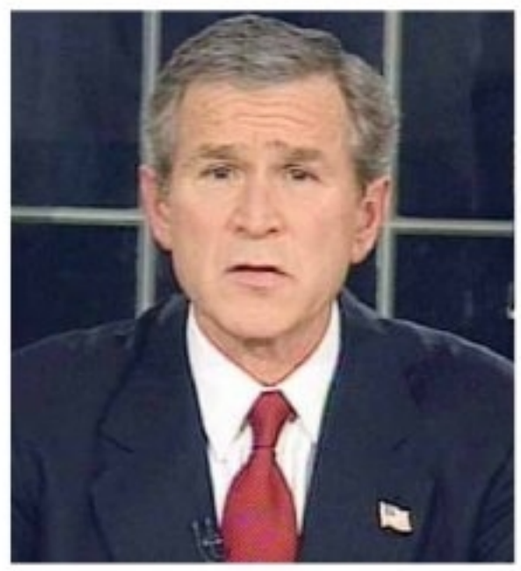

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John Leguizamo

Today's edition was guest edited by actor John Leguizamo. After hearing about recent "wilding" attacks, he gave his take: "It's gotta be a symptom of the economy, the lack of jobs, the unhappiness. ... There's a reason these kids are acting out."

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Schools. First day

▶ The former West Philadelphia High School, left, still stands at 48th and Walnut streets, but students yesterday began a new era at the ultramodern new high school a block away.

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Rebirth as new West Philly High opens

Mayor Michael Nutter and Philadelphia School District officials kicked off a new academic year for its 154,000 students with a ceremonial opening of the new West Philadelphia High School. The newly built school is in its first year as a Promise Academy.

Vick sacked by radio station

PHILADELPHIA. Mike Vick's tenure as radio boss didn't last long.

Vick mysteriously became frontman for new hip hop station 107.9 WPHI-FM over the weekend, but just as unceremoniously got dumped yesterday.

The new frontman for what some online observers had called "stunting" by the station for publicity: comedian Rickey Smiley.

"Vick has decided to get back to what he loves most and that's leading our Philadelphia Eagles to a championship," the radio station's website said. yesterday. METRO

Philly Live! will live next spring

▶ PhillyLive! rendering

Entertainment, restaurant and retail venue will add new possibilities at stadium complex

Developer Cordish says hotel, residential components could come next after venue opens

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▶ Here lies the future site of PhillyLive!.

Like the weather, the employment picture in Philadelphia may look a bit gloomy, but at the South Philadelphia sports complex, construction is under way for a project expected to create 400 permanent new jobs.

Mayor Michael Nutter and city officials highlighted the progress of PhillyLive! yesterday, at the former site of the Spectrum. In addition to permanent jobs, the future dining and retail development will generate 500 construction jobs. Comcast-Spectacor and The Cordish Companies are partnering on the project, which is expected to be complete next spring.

"To us, this made all the sense in the world putting our investment in place and putting our capital in place."
REED CORDISH, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CORDISH COMPANIES

"The next time you do these [renderings] you will need more people. It's going to be packed down here to see this." Nutter half-jokingly told the developers. The event was one of several economic development announcements the mayor has planned for this month.

The first phase of PhillyLive! will feature nine shops and restaurants in roughly 60,000 square feet indoors and offer about 40,000 square feet of performance space outside. Subsequent phases are expected to include retail and possibly a hotel or residential component. An announcement on the tenants is expected to come soon.

Developers have also committed to providing 25 to 30 percent of construction contracts to minority businesses and hiring 50 percent local residents for permanent jobs.

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Temple shooting is attempted murder

NORTH PHILADELPHIA. Police have officially charged Rafiq Thompson, the 15-year-old who allegedly shot Temple student Robert Eells during an attempted robbery, with attempted murder, aggravated assault, robbery and related offenses. He is being held on $150,000 bond, according to his court docket.

Thompson allegedly shot Eells in the abdomen shortly before 2 a.m. Monday outside the student's North 12th Street home.

Eells returned fire, striking the teen in the back and leg.

Both were taken to Temple Hospital, where Eells is recovering from surgery.

METRO/AW

Thompson's rap

- **October 2009:** Harassment and disorderly conduct; case dismissed March 2010
- **November 2009:** Criminal trespassing; case is inactive
- **March 2008:** Disorderly conduct; case is inactive

Reformation in Catholic talks

Catholic high schools will open today for orientation, but with no teachers present 700 educators at Phila. Archdiocese's 17 secondary schools on strike

Archdiocese of Philadelphia high schools will open their doors to students today, but classes could be in jeopardy next week after more than 700 teachers went on strike yesterday.

Members of the Association of Catholic Teachers Local 1776 hit the picket line yesterday, authorizing a strike after talks broke down early in the morning following a long weekend of negotiating.

The two sides could meet again tomorrow, but remain unresolved on most of the key issues — including the hiring of part-time teachers, teacher placement and the use of technology in the classroom.

Archdiocese officials said the strike will not affect operations at its 17 high schools this week — made up of orientation and group instruction — but classroom instruction for its 16,500 students could be disrupted next week.

"We would have to assess that as each day goes on," said Secretary for Catholic Education Richard McCarron. "Every day we will monitor this and we will make a decision whether this is impossible going forward."

McCarron noted that any instructional days missed will have to be made up.

For the second time in the last week, the union has asked for a mediator, while the Archdiocese continues to oppose any outside involvement.

"The Association just feels that we need somebody else to come in and work this out," said ACT vice president Irene Tori. "There's way too much on the table."

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▶ The yellow Sunoco will one day soon be removed from the refineries in Philadelphia, seen here, and Marcus Hook.

Philly losing its refineries

Philadelphia-based Sunoco, Inc. announced plans to exit the refining business and either shut down or sell its area refineries. CEO Lynn Elsenhans said: "It is in the best interests of shareholders to exit this business." If Sunoco is unable to sell the refineries by July of next year, the company plans to idle its main processing units.

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No longer the one? Obama's dark days

President faces electoral setback as new polls reveal lowest numbers to date ◗ Republicans plan to continue all-out opposition ◗ Jobs still key

President Barack Obama's job-approval ratings plunged to a new low ahead of his major economic speech tomorrow, with widespread discontent among Americans over his handling of the economy and jobs, according to a spate of polls released yesterday.

An NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll of 1,000 U.S. adults showed Obama's overall job approval rating at a low of 44 percent, down 3 percentage points since July, while his handling of the economy stands at 37 percent.

A Democratic pollster who helped conduct the survey said the poor results, which contain a 3.1 percentage-point margin of error, suggest Obama is no longer favored to win re-election in 2012.

An ABC News/Washington Post poll of U.S. adults showed that six in 10 Americans rate the president's job on the economy and jobs negatively, while one in three say they are now worse off financially since Obama entered the White House. It has a 3.5 percentage point margin of error.

A third poll of 1,000 likely voters by Washington-based Politico and George Washington University found that 72 percent of voters believe the country is either strongly or somewhat headed in the wrong direction, a jump of 12 percent since last May. REUTERS

GOP says no to jobs initiative

WASHINGTON. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell signaled yesterday that Obama's new job-creation initiative will face tough Republican opposition.

In a speech delivered on the Senate floor as Congress was returning from a monthlong break, McConnell said he was certain that the Democratic president's new plan will "represent more of the same failed approach that's only made things worse over the past few years and resulted in fewer jobs than when he started." REUTERS

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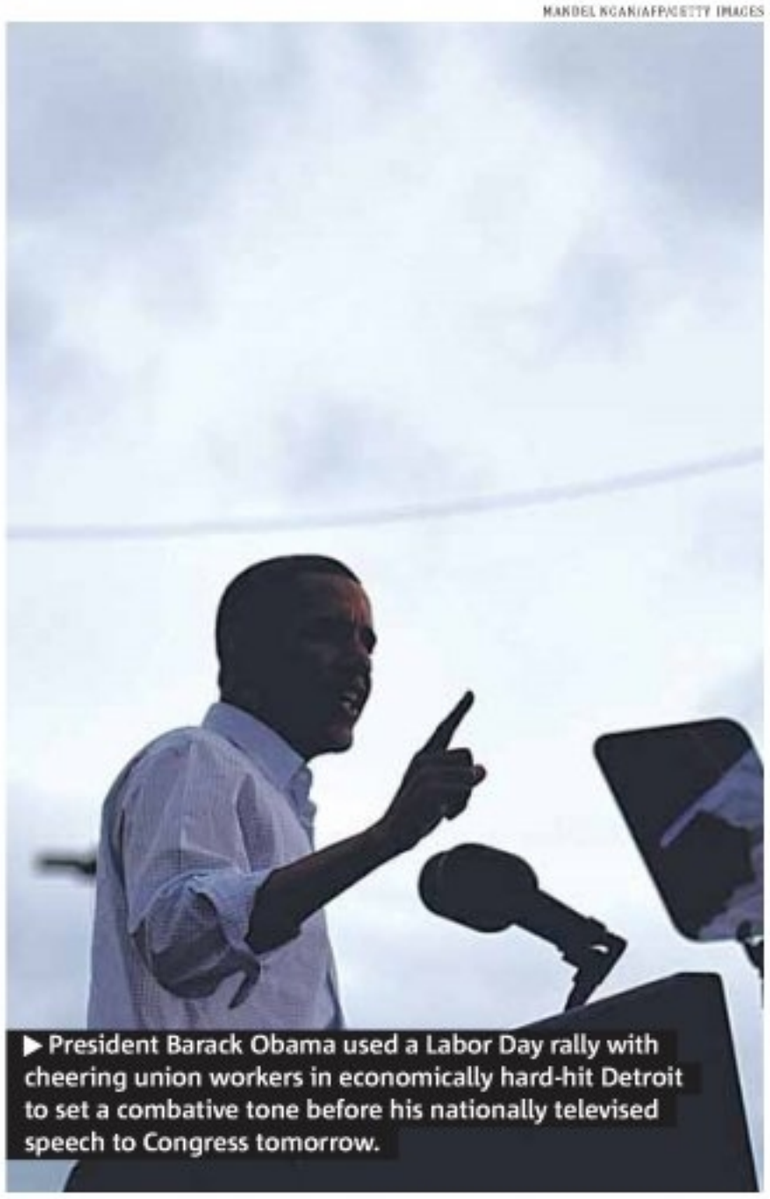

▶ President Barack Obama used a Labor Day rally with cheering union workers in economically hard-hit Detroit to set a combative tone before his nationally televised speech to Congress tomorrow.

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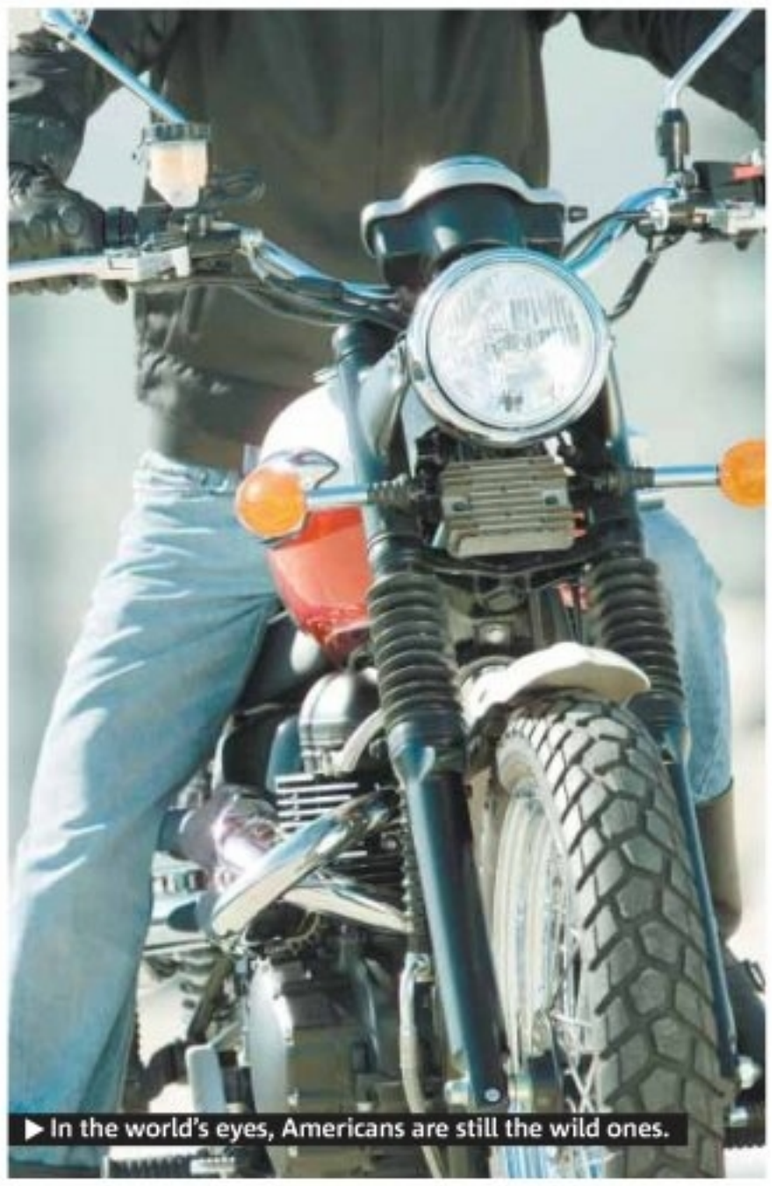
▶ Best Buy fixture calendar

iPhone 5 October drop, trick or treat?

The iPhone 5 will be launched on Oct. 21, according to a blog post published yesterday.

The post on Thisismynext.com featured what appears to be an Apple installation fixture plan scheduled for that morning at the Best Buy chain of stores. It does not, however, include any details about which Apple product will be featured.

The site said the arrangements for Best Buy were very similar to those made by Apple when it launched the iPhone 4. METRO


▶ In the world's eyes, Americans are still the wild ones.

Americans still world's 'coolest'

Despite bad economy and involvement in multiple wars, US hasn't lost its cool, cites international poll

They may be witnessing their global superpower influence decline in the face of challenges from other emerging players on the world stage, but Americans have been voted the world's "coolest nationality" in an international poll.

Social networking site Badoo.com asked 30,000 people across 15 countries to name the coolest nationality and also found that the Spanish were considered the coolest Europeans, Brazilians the coolest Latin Americans and Belgians the globe's least cool nationality.

"We hear a lot in the media about anti-Americanism," says Lloyd Price, Badoo's director of marketing. "But we sometimes forget how many people across the world consider Americans seriously cool."

The coolest 10

1. Americans
2. Brazilians
3. Spanish
4. Italians
5. French
6. British
7. Dutch
8. Mexicans
9. Argentinians
10. Russians

Of course, not all Americans are cool, far from it. Some like Snoop Dogg, Lady Gaga, Samuel L. Jackson, Johnny Depp and Quentin Tarantino are way cooler than others.

Americans, however, are the dudes who invented cool and who still embody it in many fields from music to movies and TV to technology.

"America," says Price, "boasts the world's coolest leader, Obama; the coolest rappers, Jay-Z and Snoop Dogg; and the coolest man in technology, Steve Jobs of Apple, the man who even made geeks cool." REUTERS

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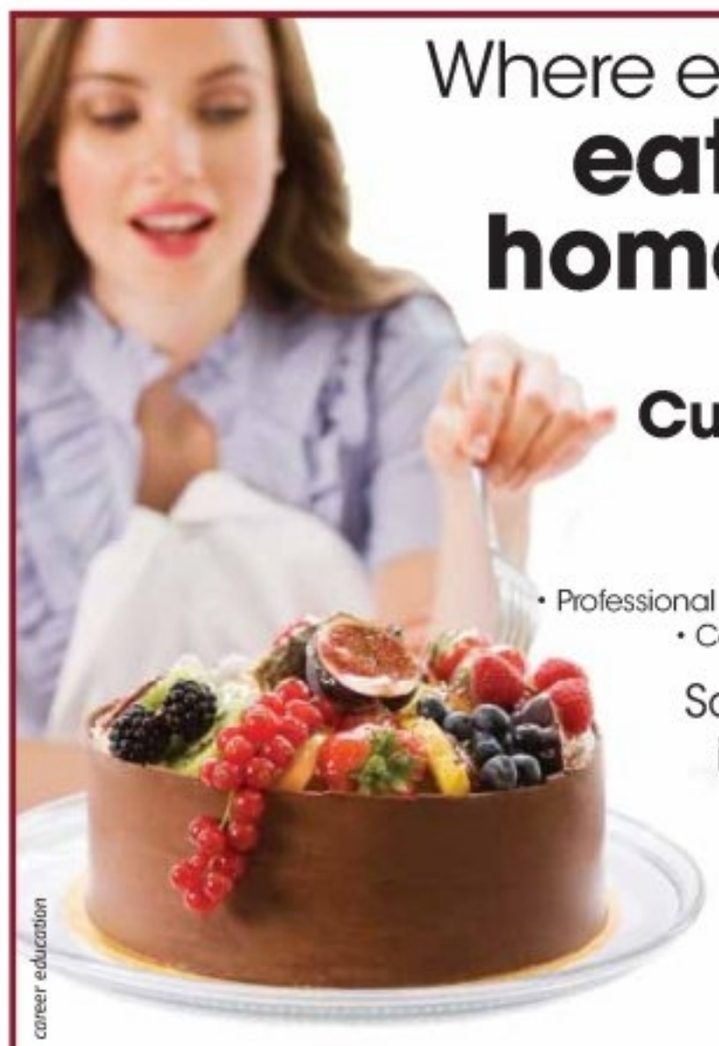
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Unity, working together were buzzwords of Washington after the attacks ◗ That talk faded, and division now reigns ◗ Experts see bipartisanship as 'rally-around-the-flag phenomena'

Buddy-buddy goes bye-bye as bipartisanship fades

It was just hours after the World Trade Center towers fell, the Pentagon broke open and a plane bore a hole in a Pennsylvania field that congressmen and women, Republicans and Democrats, stood side by side on the Capitol steps singing "God Bless America."

None of them seemed to care what state they were from, how they voted on recent bills or which party they were affiliated with.

But that was Sept. 11, 2001.

The harmony sung from the nation's capitol didn't last long and eventually turned to passionate political rhetoric.

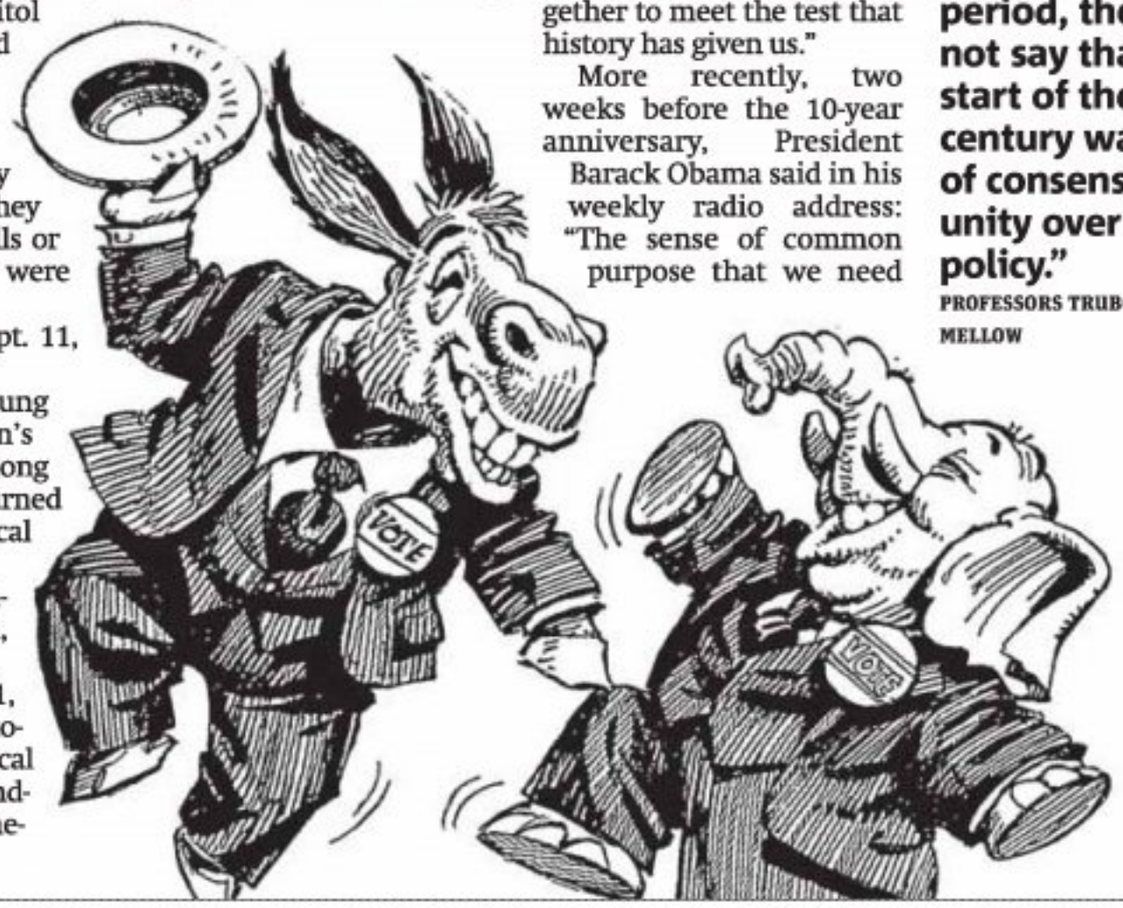
It's not an uncommon rhythm, experts said.

"After Sept. 11, you had a joining together. This is typical of the rally-around-the-flag phenomena," said Joseph S. Nye, former dean of the Harvard Kennedy School and author of "The Future of Power."

The calls for bipartisanship were loud and clear after Sept. 11. And each year, right around Labor Day and just before the anniversary, the calls and tone start to come back.

On the five-year anniversary of 9/11, President George W. Bush told the nation that it must "put aside our differences and work together to meet the test that history has given us."

More recently, two weeks before the 10-year anniversary, President Barack Obama said in his weekly radio address: "The sense of common purpose that we need in America doesn't have to be a fleeting moment. It can be a lasting virtue."



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"Whatever else future historians say about American politics in this period, they will not say that the start of the 21st century was a time of consensus and unity over foreign policy."

PROFESSORS TRUBOWITZ AND MELLOW

While the calls for unity continued each year around the time of the attacks, they haven't been as loud or abundant as they were 10 years ago, political science experts have found.

In an article for "International Politics," government and political science professors Peter Trubowitz and Nicole Mellow examined roll-call voting in Congress to analyze bipartisanship, particularly with foreign policy.

"Whatever else future historians say about American politics in this period, they will not say that the start of the 21st century was a time of consensus and unity over foreign policy," the professors wrote in their article titled "Foreign policy, bipartisanship and the paradox of post-September 11 America."

Trubowitz and Mellow said the extent of bipartisanship depends on factors that include politics.

"How resolutely lawmakers stay the bipartisan course depends on the state of the economy and the depth of regional rivalries. When voters are worried about their pocketbooks and the nation's politics is sharply divided along regional lines, bipartisanship over foreign policy suffers," the article said.

When bipartisanship loses out, it does have an impact on our standing abroad. Nye said, "Other countries are affected by moods in the United States and what they see as the messiness of the process."

However, Nye added that while partisan politics may be fracturing, not all is lost in terms of foreign standing.

"There is admiration that Americans do disagree and do have a lively democracy," he said.

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Sound bites

Bipartisanship fail:

- "I want to congratulate my Republican colleagues that they're not too old to learn. Because I was in Congress in 2001, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06 — when the Republicans controlled the House, the Senate [and] the White House, and they pushed things through. There was none of this concern that one-party rule was a bad thing. Now that they're not the party, they've decided that that's a bad idea, and it's always nice when people know new things." U.S. REP. BARNEY FRANK (D-MASS.) ON MEET THE PRESS IN 2009 ABOUT MILITARY SPENDING ISSUE

Fail:

"For months, Congress has delayed action on supplemental war funding because some in Congress want to make a political statement about the war."

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH IN 2007 CRITICIZING DEMOCRATS FOR LEAVING FOR THEIR THANKSGIVING BREAK WITHOUT APPROVING THE WAR FUNDS

- "I've been left at the altar now a couple of times." PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, BLAMING REPUBLICANS DURING FAILED DEBT CEILING TALKS EARLIER THIS YEAR

- "The job of speaker is not to expedite legislation that runs counter to the wishes of the majority of his majority." FORMER HOUSE SPEAKER DENNIS HASTERT (R-ILL.) IN 2003

Bipartisanship bull?

- "Senators and House members, Democrats and Republicans, will stand shoulder to shoulder to fight this evil that has perpetrated on this nation. We will stand together to make sure that those who have brought forth this evil deed will pay the price." FORMER HOUSE SPEAKER DENNIS HASTERT (R-ILL.) ON SEPT. 11, 2001

- "I refuse to accept that while we stand shoulder to shoulder on the war, we should stand toe to toe on the economy. We need to find a way to respect each other, trust each other and work together to solve the long-term challenges America faces." FORMER U.S. REP. DICK GEPHARDT (D-MO.) IN JANUARY 2002

- "I fully support President Bush's decision to strike al Qaeda's terrorist network. Now, more than ever, we must stand united as a nation and support our president and our military. It is important to remember that carefully targeted response is not an attack on a religion, nor a nation, but an attack on terrorism. In Congress, we will continue to work with the White House to do what's needed to bring justice to those who committed the heinous and evil attacks of 9/11." SEN. TOM HARKIN (D-IOWA) IN OCTOBER 2001

- "Let's show that the sense of common purpose that we need in America doesn't have to be a fleeting moment. It can be a lasting virtue — not just on one day, but every day." PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA ON AUG. 27, 2011

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Bull?

"Winning this war will require the determined efforts of a unified country. So we must put aside our differences and work together to meet the test that history has given us."

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH IN SEPTEMBER 2006

REPUTATION REMAINS UP FOR GRABS

BY **GRAHAM WILSON**

CHAIR OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY'S POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

In the second day of Metro's coverage of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, we examine how Americans see themselves now compared to a decade ago And we gauge opinion from overseas on how America — and Americans — are regarded there Graham Wilson looks at America's global reputation — and finds a more complex picture than expected

All of us like to be loved — perhaps Americans more than others.

We like to recall the many good things the United States has done for the world, including helping to defeat militarism and fascism in two world wars, defending Western Europe from totalitarian communism during the Cold War, and providing vital food aid when famine has threatened many parts of the globe. Some of our politicians even stridently misquote the sermon of the first governor of Massachusetts, John Winthrop, by proclaiming America is a "shining city upon the hill," a model to lesser countries. It therefore hurts to see mobs burning the stars and stripes in a far-off land while chanting "Death to the USA!"

One of the haunting questions asked after 9/11 was, "Why do they hate us?" Some issues involve attitudes in Muslim countries towards the U.S. over which we've got no control. Others are issues where we do have choices, such as our policies in the Middle East. And it can come as a surprise to Americans traveling in Western Europe when people you meet see America not as a shining city upon a hill but as a country wracked by gun violence, addicted to the death penalty (banned throughout the European Union) and, until recently, unique among advanced democracies in not guaranteeing all of citizens health coverage.

Many Europeans, Canadians and Australians even feel that their nations have been democratic as long as the USA and don't see ours as a political model. In fact, they often take a dim view of our gridlocked politics. This negative take on our system of government was reinforced by recent politically driven events in Washington, notably the deadlock over raising the debt ceiling.

Of course there are legitimately positive reflections, too. There are still French villagers who remember the U.S. dropping arms to the resistance or liberating their town. Older Europeans still recall how the Marshall Plan brought prosperity to the post-war continent. Millions of ordinary Britons travel here every year, reveling in Florida sunshine, the excitement of Manhattan, or the incredible scenery of the Southwest. And then there's all of those Hollywood movies and TV shows the world just loves (or loves to hate).

"The crucial thing to remember is that attitudes about the U.S. are a combination of perceptions and misperceptions on the one hand and of what's going on in the observer's home country on the other."

In short, reactions to America are neither all positive nor all negative. Our standing in the world remains up for grabs. So what's underlying the situation?

Let's start with some generally accurate observations of the United States. First, there are genuine differences in public policy that separate us from many countries. For example, we allow more freedom to gays than many people in Pakistan would accept. We differ from Europe on the death penalty, the generosity and comprehensiveness of our welfare state, and by and large on attitudes to guns (though some European countries, such as Switzerland, have widespread gun ownership). And we tax ourselves less than the French, the Germans, and, of course, the Scandinavians

But note some misperceptions related to the complex, indirect way we approach problems through the tax code or regulations rather than through upfront government programs. Health care is a good example. Many Europeans assume the uninsured here have been left to die in the streets. They don't realize that federal regulations required pretty much all hospitals with trauma centers to provide immediately necessary health care without regard to ability to pay. Similarly, it might appear that the U.S. is indifferent to climate issues. But our tax code has provided significant incentives to adopt cleaner, more efficient uses of energy. We often approach public policy problems in such an indirect way that even Americans don't fully appreciate what is being done. Foreigners can be excused for understanding even less.

Our political system also baffles foreigners — as well as many Americans. The sharing of powers (separation is a totally inaccurate description) between three branches of government can result in messy, out-in-the-open disputes as we just saw over the debt ceiling. In almost every policy area, the president, House and Senate can block each other, and the courts also often are waiting to pile on. This is, of course, what the writers of the Constitution intended, but it can easily result in deadlock and stalemate.

Indeed, our system requires compromise to work, something too many recently seem to have forgotten. It's easily overlooked that probably all forms of government — and certainly all democratic systems — also must make compromises and can struggle to reach agreements with wide enough support. But in parliamentary systems, for instance, disagreements and bargaining often are carried on more genteelly inside the cabinet, at meetings of the governing party, or in bargaining between coalition partners.

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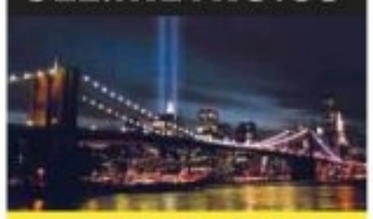

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"One of the haunting questions after 9/11 was: 'Why do they hate us?'"

"Anti-Americanism in the Middle East is linked to frustration and even shame over the backwardness of that region."

"Most foreigners know that if the world is to have a superpower, the USA is the best one around."

In this country, agreement will come after much blustering and posturing in the form of an agreement that can pass the House, the Senate and be signed by the president.

The process looks much messier because it is more public, but the conflict around the cabinet table of a parliamentary system can be just as intense.

But remember that attitudes towards the USA reflect what's going on in the observer's home country. Sometimes these local developments make foreigners more sympathetic. For instance, the British used to be somewhat critical of the inculcation of values and traditions applied in the process of gaining citizenship in the U.S. More recently, as they have struggled to absorb a large immigrant population themselves, they've consciously copied many American procedures.

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▶ An Afghan girl greets a patrol of U.S. troops in the southern Afghan province of Kandahar.

Some part of anti-Americanism in the Middle East is linked to frustration and even shame over the backwardness of a region that a thousand years ago was at the forefront of civilization. Some European criticism of the U.S. is linked to the attempts of what was once the world's dominant region trying to carve out a new purpose and an identity now that power has shifted. Both European claims of moral superiority by virtue of having better welfare states and opposition to American unilateralism in foreign policy link to this need to find a purpose and a role. Europe may no longer rule the world but its nations can claim to be kinder, gentler and more cooperative.

At the end of the day, the fact is that most people in Europe and many people around the world do actually like the USA. Recent polls by the Pew Research Center showed that, in 23 countries surveyed, on average 60 percent of people had a positive attitude toward the United States. Our favorability ratings took a hit during the Bush presidency but have recovered significantly since. Perhaps surprisingly to many Americans, France now leads in Western Europe with 75 percent of those polled favorable to the USA, compared to 62 percent in Germany and 61 percent in Britain. In former communist-controlled countries such as Lithuania, pro-Americanism is high, with 75 percent favorable. In Japan, the U.S. is even more popular with an 85 percent favorability rating. It is by and large in Islamic countries where the our rating tanks — 20 percent in Egypt, 13 percent in Jordan and 12 percent in Pakistan.

For all of recent history, the strongest power in the world — first the UK, now the USA — has been a country characterized by high degrees of freedom, political debate and the capacity for self criticism. This did not save either nation from mistaken foreign adventures and misconduct. But it did make it more likely that over time those mistakes would be acknowledged and corrected. This is not likely to happen in China. Likewise, there have always been substantial anti-war movements in the United States — regarding Vietnam, Iraq and even World War II. No such movement can develop in China critical of its Tibet policy.

So, deep down, most foreigners know that if the world is to have a superpower, the USA is the best one around.

HEROES AND VILLAINS

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- In the movies, the American response to 9/11 would be clear-cut: Determined, but with the best possible motives
- There was, indeed, a lot of heroism. Inevitably, though, some Americans let their country down

THE HEROES

Some of the biggest heroes of Sept. 11, 2001, are average Americans who jumped into the fray without hesitation.

"Like everybody else that morning, I saw the attack on the television," said politician-come-EMT and volunteer firefighter Gene Stilp of Middle Paxton, Pa. "I used to live in New York, so I felt moved to go there. I spent that first weekend helping out and looking for remains."

Many service members continue to quietly risk their lives on a daily basis in the name of protecting the country, even 10 years later.

"The number one reason I joined military is they attacked us on our home soil in two separate locations. We were short on soldiers at the time and we were about to go into war, so it was my duty to contribute," said U.S. Army Capt. Zak Waity, 32, who enlisted in May of 2002 and has since completed two tours in Iraq.

He said that many of his fellow soldiers joined due to the attacks, with even retired veterans returning to the fray to contribute their service and knowledge.

"9/11 still has effects because we're still involved in that conflict. That day is what led to the war," Waity said. "It's present every day for people in the military."

"The 10th anniversary brings to light why we are in Iraq and Afghanistan. It acts as a reminder to why you wear a uniform every day," he continued. "It's a reminder to civilians why military personnel do what they do, and police and firefighters as well."

Navy SEAL Team 6

A team of 40 CIA-led Navy SEALs, 24 on the ground, successfully completed an operation to kill Osama bin Laden in Abbottabad, Pakistan, in the early morning of May 2, 2011. They were part of the Naval Special Warfare Development Group, previously called "Team Six."

▶ A makeshift memorial stands March 10, 2002, at a site overlooking the field where United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in Shanksville, Pa., on Sept. 11, 2001.

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Todd Beamer
and other passengers of Flight 93

Beamer realized terrorists intended to use Flight 93 as a weapon through covert cell phone calls.

He told the phone operator that some of the plane's passengers were planning to "jump on" the hijackers and fly the plane into the ground to avoid further damage.

Beamer's last audible words were, "Are you guys ready? Let's roll."

▶ Todd Beamer

THE VILLAINS

Perhaps nothing is more villainous than taking advantage of the pro-American goodwill and sense of unity engendered by the attacks' aftermath.

9/11 survivor charities have been under intense scrutiny in recent weeks due to an Associated Press report alleging that many misappropriated funds, failed to publicly disclose spending and never followed through on their stated missions.

Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne is reportedly investigating the American QUILT Memorial, a project founded by nonprofit Stage 1 that raised more than $700,000 to create a huge quilt with a square dedicated to each life lost on Sept. 11.

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According to the charity's website, the organization ceased all fundraising efforts last September without achieving its goal. Much of the donated money went to an official of the charity, financing his salary, family loans, a new home and travel promoting the nonexistent quilt, the AP report said.

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman is also investigating several charities in New York for similar offenses, reports said.

Anwar al-Awlaki, 40

- Born in Las Cruces, New Mexico.
- Senior talent recruiter, planner and trainer for al-Qaeda.
- Islamic lecturer and spiritual leader whose sermons were attended by three 9/11 hijackers and Fort Hood shooter Nidal Malik Hasan. Times Square bomb plotter Faisal Shahzad also cited him as an inspiration.
- First U.S. citizen ever placed on CIA target list.
- Believed to be hiding in Yemen.

▶ Al-Awlaki

▶ Walker Lindh

John Walker Lindh, 30

- Born in Washington, D.C., and converted to Islam in 1997.
- Studied in Yemen and Pakistan.
- Traveled to Afghanistan to fight with Taliban forces against the American military.
- Captured as an enemy combatant during the the Battle of Qala-i-Jangi.
- Serving a 20-year prison sentence in connection with his participation in Afghanistan's Taliban army.

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THE US WAR ON TERROR

From George W. Bush's first mention of WMDs to the triumphant killing of Osama bin Laden:

Sept. 11, 2001:

Terrorist attacks against the United States: Two planes crash into the twin towers and one hits the Pentagon, killing nearly 3,000 people.

Oct. 7, 2001:

The U.S. and the U.K. begin war in Afghanistan with Operation Enduring Freedom, launching ground forces in Kabul to oust the Taliban from power.

Jan. 29, 2002:

In his State of the Union address, President George W. Bush says that Iraq is part of the "axis of evil," and the nation is allied with terrorists and poses a serious threat to the U.S. Bush would later say Iraq was harboring weapons of mass destruction.

March 19, 2003:

Bush leads U.S. invasion of Iraq. Some countries decry the invasion as unilateral and argue that the threat of weapons of mass destruction is unfounded and misrepresented.

April 9, 2003:

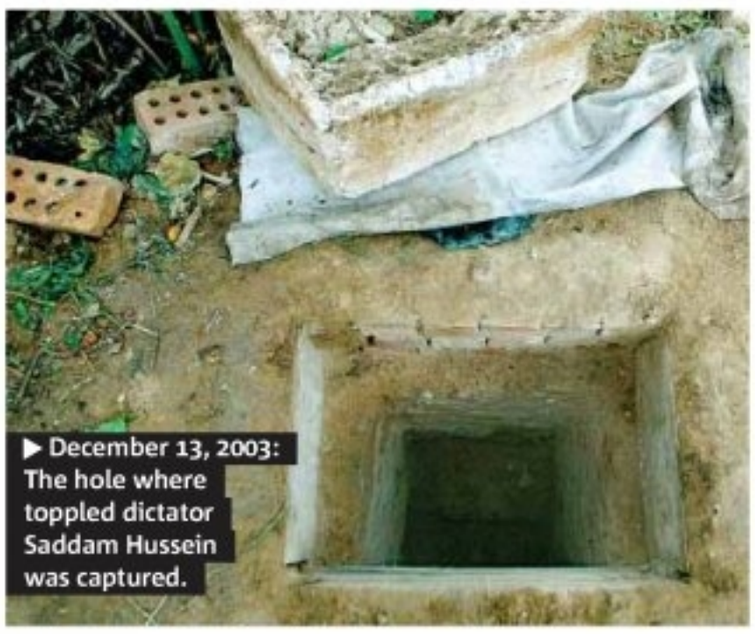
Baghdad falls under America's control, overthrowing Saddam Hussein's rule inside the capital. In a symbolic moment, U.S. troops topple a statue of Hussein.

Dec. 13, 2003:

Saddam Hussein is found by U.S. military personnel and is sentenced to death by hanging.

▶ March 19, 2003: Bush leads U.S. invasion of Iraq.

▶ April 9, 2003: Baghdad falls under U.S. control.



▶ December 13, 2003: The hole where toppled dictator Saddam Hussein was captured.

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▶ Nov. 8, 2006: Donald Rumsfeld resigns after reports of Iraqi detainee abuse at Abu Ghraib prison (above).

▶ May 2, 2011: U.S. Marines watch as President Obama announces the killing of Osama bin Laden.

March 31, 2004:

Four mercenary soldiers, working with a company called Blackwater as private security guards, are brutally killed in Fallujah. Their bodies are beaten, dragged through the streets, and hung — the images of their deaths puts a spotlight on the controversial U.S. decision to use privately paid military contractors in Iraq.

Sept. 7, 2004:

By this point, 1,000 U.S. soldiers have lost their lives in Iraq.

April 2005:

The CIA's top weapons inspector announced that after an exhaustive search, they found no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Dec. 15, 2005:

The first parliamentary elections in Iraq are being held since the capture of Hussein.

Nov. 8, 2006:

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld resigns from his position after reports break that Iraqi detainees were being abused at Abu Ghraib prison. Public outrage followed after photos were leaked that showed prisoners subject to torture and forced into humiliating positions.

June 7, 2007:

The al-Qaeda leader in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, is killed in an airstrike.

Feb. 27, 2009:

President Barack Obama vows that all the U.S. combat soldiers in Iraq, except for a transitional force of 35,000 to 50,000 troops, will be withdrawn by Aug. 31, 2010.

May 2, 2011:

9/11 mastermind Osama bin Laden is killed by Navy SEALs in a compound where he had been hiding in Abbottabad, Pakistan. U.S. citizens triumphant with glee.

June 22, 2011:

Obama announces that 10,000 U.S. troops would be withdrawn by the end of 2011 in Afghanistan and an additional 23,000 troops would leave the country by the summer of 2012.

Aug. 6, 2011:

Taliban fighters in Afghanistan shoot down a CH-47 Chinook, killing 30 Navy SEALs — some belonging to the same raid that killed bin Laden. The incident marks the deadliest single loss for American forces in the war. GRACE SERVERA

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WHERE'S OUR SENSE OF COMMUNITY?

National politics have always been rancorous as a rule — especially in the United States, where the two-party system imposes a definite "us vs. them" dichotomy.

Still, it's hard to ignore the radicalization of our sociopolitical discourse in the years following the 9/11 attacks, as economic mismanagement and an erosion of freedoms have led our nation to increasingly resemble the oppressive Middle Eastern societies from which our radical enemies crawled forth.

It's not that we didn't hate each other pre-9/11. (Monica Lewinsky, much?) But perhaps we didn't hate each other quite so all-consumingly. Osama bin Laden didn't invent U.S. divisiveness — he merely capitalized on it. And like dutiful sheep following a ghastly shepherd, we've turned on one another: pointing the finger, for instance, at union workers like teachers for bankrupting our treasury while using the other hand to cheer on historically low tax rates for corporations.

In the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 terror attacks — as much of the nation rallied behind a previously unpopular president — one popular media narrative purported that the architects of the campaign "hated us for our freedoms." The implications of this argument were intuitive: The U.S. of A is a great nation steeped in liberties, and we must defy the hateful barbarians who attacked us lest they emerge the victors in this global game of chess.

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Fast-forward 10 years, two wars (at a cost of some $4 trillion) and one crippling economic recession, and it doesn't look so good for the home team. Over the past decade, our rich have grown richer while the rest of us have sunk deeper, we've witnessed a weathering of civil liberties and, perhaps most worrying, our hate for our fellow citizens seems to have been magnified exponentially.

With the targeted assassination of former al Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden earlier this year, America may well have cut the head from the snake of fanatical Islam. But the war to stanch the bleeding from the 9/11 attacks — the poisonous rhetoric, the flourishing hate and the internal damage done by those who would seek to destroy America from within — will require the prevailing of cooler heads.

We must not allow the terrorists to win. We must hold fast to our freedoms and our standards of living. We must remain, now and forever, the United States of America.

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AS SEEN BY THE REST OF THE WORLD

How do you think the US has been changed by 9/11?

Bolette Pilegaard Graae, 34, student, Copenhagen
I think the patriotic feeling in the U.S. has been strengthened since 9/11. The U.S. has been a country fighting a war for the past 10 years, and it wasn't before. It has become clear that the country has an enemy and who that is — the Taliban.

"The twin towers were an American icon, a symbol in which they used to mirror themselves. Without it, they lost their identity, their personality."
ANDRE LUIZ, 25, STUDENT, BRAZIL

Jakob Nerbek, 32, social worker, Copenhagen
It hasn't been changed that much except for the country's economy, which is in a horrific state. War and the fight against terror is expensive, which is an effect of 9/11. But I think Barack Obama has helped to improve the U.S.'s image.

Omar Barahona, 31, photographer, Peru
After 9/11, America became paranoid about the world. Al-Qaeda proved that this superpower country was vulnerable. And I think the United States is still fighting to recover its pride.

Maria Teresa Chavez, 28, designer, Peru
I think America changed a lot since 9/11. Nowadays it is not easy to enter the country. There are a lot of restrictions at airport, and the inmigrants in general are not so well-received as in the past.

Sebastian Nystrom, 26, developer, Stockholm
"Not only the U.S. — the whole world changed. The hunt for terrorists means it's stricter, with more monitoring."

Mariana Freitas, 19, student, Brazil
It was like Americans lost their ground, and then they felt vulnerable against the enemy. ... They became paranoid.

Roo Fox, 22, college student, London, Ontario

[The United States] hasn't changed — they're still power-hungry.

Annica Emmervall, 38, lawyer, Stockholm

Yes, security is even more important than before; and there are stricter rules for getting into the country. But I think it is important to protect openness despite what happened.

Jonathan Den Haan, 24, recent graduate, Vancouver

For me, paranoia comes to mind. It is interesting how the people of the U.S. lost their confidence and appetite for war after 9/11. America's prosperity made the people feel as if they had the authority to be part of everything; but now that can be viewed as the government failing to protect their people.

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READY REGION Or Not?

Immediately after 9/11, the Middle East saw an outpouring of sympathy toward America Simon Mars says that in the 10 years since, American administrations have done all they can to throw away that goodwill And yet, as the Arab Spring uprisings have shown, there remains an appetite for American-style freedoms

Cynicism remains on the Arab street

Most people can remember where they were when the planes hit the twin towers. I was in my apartment in Dubai where I'd been living for over a year, working as a regional documentary producer for a start-up TV channel.

The phone rang, calling me into work. I arrived in time to see the towers fall. Those around me looked at their TV screens with a mixture of awe and fear, not really believing what they were seeing. My reaction was more personal: I had lived in New York and knew people who worked in the WTC complex — if not in the towers themselves.

From the beginning, everyone in the newsroom assumed the attack had come from our part of the world, from people we had half-jokingly mused about going to Afghanistan to interview, from fanatics and fools who lived in caves. These were people who could kill — the bombings in Africa and the attack on the USS Cole had proven that — but not people who could change the world.

I knew though that this is exactly what had just happened. I knew America had to respond and that its response would be both violent and overwhelming.

President Bush's inauguration, just eight months before, had marked the arrival of a group of people who came to be known as neoconservatives, people who believed in the use of force, people such as Michael Ledeen who had once said, even before the attacks: "Every 10 years or so, the U.S. needs to pick up some crappy little country and throw it against the wall, just to show we mean business."

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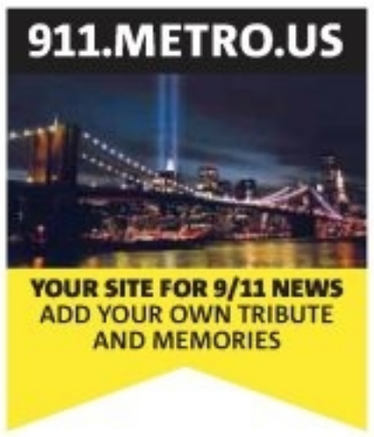
MARS, ON WHERE HE WAS WHEN HE HEARD OF THE 9/11 ATTACKS

One such country that many of the neoconservatives believed the U.S. had unfinished business with was obviously Iraq, and history shows one of Donald Rumsfeld's first actions following 9/11 was to ask for plans to be drawn up for a possible attack on Iraq — even though there was no evidence Saddam Hussein had anything to do with 9/11.

The attacks on the U.S. created an unprecedented outpouring of sympathy across the Arab world with Libya, Syria and Iran sending its condolences. That emotion continued, even during the invasion of Afghanistan but as it became increasingly obvious that the next target was Iraq that sympathy began to dwindle and the mood began to change.

As the invasion got closer, some Arabs I met began to make comments that it was a good thing the American people felt some of the pain their country had inflicted on millions of innocent people in other lands — such as during Vietnam or the first Iraq war. Surely, they said, if the people remembered their own pain on 9/11 they would try to prevent their government from attacking Iraq.

My hope was that the U.S. government would see that any attack on Iraq would be playing straight into bin Laden's hands. From the start, his plan was to draw America into a violent response, to force people around the world to choose sides, to create a clash of religions and civilizations and to stir up a fundamentalism, on both sides, that would set fire to the world. Surely the U.S. would not give him what he most wanted?



As the war drew close, the region became more inflamed in protest and the antagonism toward America grew.

They heard America's explanation of why it had to attack Iraq — and they didn't believe a word of it. Memories fade, people forget; so who can remember now, clearly, the prelude to the war? The propaganda and the lies? The yellow cake and the weapons of mass destruction? The denial that it had anything to do with regime change?

People in the Middle East tend to be cynical; it goes with the territory, living as they do in the space between their leaders' rhetoric and the reality of their lives.

They know their leaders lie, so instead they turn to conspiracies for the truth: There had to be, people would say to me, another reason the U.S. wanted to attack Iraq. Was the hidden hand of Israel at work? After all, who else stood to gain from an American attack on Israel's enemies?

Some conspiracies were easy to dismiss. Rumors that Jewish people had been told not to go into work on 9/11 was demonstrably a lie, but I had no answer as to how Mohammad Atta's passport had been found at Ground Zero or who had made the ostensibly fake video of bin Laden sitting around discussing the attacks over dinner.

And so the Iraq war started: an easy victory followed by a disastrous occupation. Even now, it's difficult to underestimate how much harm this did to America's reputation.

In the Middle East, American democracy came to represent destruction, torture chambers and squalid deals with repressive dictators as long as they collaborated with the U.S.'s strategic goals.

People could not understand why, if the U.S. insisted it was fighting for freedom, its principal Arab ally, Saudi Arabia, was a feudal monarchy which refused to even let its women drive cars. And if Israel was not a motivating force behind the attack, people would say, then was it all just for oil? Was it as simple as that?

Five years later, following the inauguration of President Obama, the region seemed prepared to give the U.S. a second chance. I was in Cairo a month after Obama had delivered his speech calling for "a new

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▶ Iraqi men in Baghdad watch a live broadcast on satellite television of a speech delivered in Cairo by President Barack Obama on June 4, 2009. President Barack Obama today vowed to forge a "new beginning" for Islam and America in a landmark speech to global Muslims, evoking a vision of peace after smoldering years of "suspicion and discord."

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▶ A weakened Wall Street weighs heavy on the views of outsiders.

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▶ Iraqis from the Sadr Movement hold up a banner against U.S. occupation as tens of thousands of Iraqi followers of radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr protested in the streets of Baghdad on October 18, 2008, against the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

beginning between the United States and Muslims around the world." People told me how pleased they were at Obama's tone: pleased that he had praised Islam and promised the U.S. would treat the Arab people with respect and that he had described the plight of the Palestinians as "intolerable" and called for the creation of a Palestinian state.

What they did not hear, though, was any condemnation of the government of the country where the speech was given: Egypt, which had then spent 30 years under the corrupt and authoritarian regime of Hosni Mubarak. So, as much as they praised the speech they worried, was it simply more rhetoric — or would they really see a change in policy?

They didn't. Despite Obama's promise Guantanamo Bay remains open. The troops are still in Iraq and few believe they will be leaving anytime soon — even after this December's deadline. And they saw Israel attack Gaza with impunity while continuing to build settlements on Palestinian land.

Power is one thing people in the Middle East understand, and they can sense when it is ebbing away. Ten years after 9/11, people in the Middle East see a weakened America.

Bin Laden may be dead, but his desire to do to the United States what the mujahideen did to the Russians in Afghanistan is still on track. One reason the Soviet Union collapsed was that it could no longer afford its empire. People in the Middle East now look at the US and wonder if they are witnessing history repeat itself.

They see a country that will ultimately have spent around $4 trillion on its War on Terror — a country that has unimaginable levels of debt and has been humiliated by China's recent comment that it has "every right now to demand the United States address its structural debt problems and ensure the safety of China's dollar assets." They saw Hurricane Katrina and hear about a country where 1 percent of the people now own 40 percent of the wealth. They see, too, a recent poll that shows 78 percent of the public are dissatisfied with the country's political system. And, 10 years on, they see an Afghanistan where the Taliban are waiting for the U.S. to leave before they again take over. In Iraq, they see a country where nothing happens without its politicians first checking how it plays in Tehran.

So what role do people in the Middle East want the United States play in the region during the second decade after 9/11? One thing they certainly do not want is more military intervention.

The events of the Arab Spring showed the Arab people that they possessed an unknown power: the power to control their own destiny. It revealed, too, the utter irrelevance of al-Qaeda and the extremists; they had nothing to do with the uprising and are disliked by most people in the region.

The American public needs to know that people in the Middle East actually like America. They admire its freedoms, its culture and its opportunities. But most of all, they admire its liberty.

Now, nine months after it began, the Arab Spring is faltering with authoritarian governments beginning to regain control. The Arab people are asking for help. They want the United States to use its power and influence to help them replicate the great promise of the American revolution — to help them create their own governments of "we the people." America should not let them down.

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The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Kevin Bacon is overwhelmed by remakes, Shaquille O'Neal is striking out at the White House, Charlie Sheen is immortal and Joan Rivers wants some privacy.

▶ **@SHAQ**
O for three in tryin to meet the honorable president Obama

▶ **@charliesheen**
EPIC year!! Thanks to all for the kind birthday wishes. I'm gonna outlive you all..! #WINNING..!!!!

▶ **@kevinbacon**
First Footloose now Flatliners! Are they just remaking the ones that start with F?

▶ **@Joan_Rivers**
Ben Franklin said it best: "Guests, like fish, begin to smell after 3 days." He didn't mention: "20 minutes if your guest is Snooki."

Rivers

THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Crazy hot new couple alert

Holy smokes! Here's a gossip item so steamy, its hotness might not be able to be contained to this page: It seems as though hottie extremes **Ryan Gosling** and **Eva Mendes** are dating. And if not "dating," per se, they are certainly touching each others' no-no parts.

Yes, Us Weekly has the exclusive photos of the two hugging and kissing at Disneyland on Saturday in their latest issue. "They were very playful," an observer tells the magazine. "Eva was skipping around like a little girl. ... She would lean into him and she held his arm the entire time."

Although there has been no denial or confirmation from their publicists that the two are dating, it seems weird they would go to such a public place if they didn't want to be outed. (If you didn't want people to know you're canoodling, you'd go to places where people don't go, like Missouri or a Blockbuster.) And, really, if I was either of them, I'd want the world to know I was hanging out with that hot piece, am I right? You know I'm right. Don't deny this hotness.

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▶ Gosling ▶ Mendes

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Jessica Simpson: Idiot

Simpson

Before I share the following "news" item, please take it with a huge grain of salt. In Touch "reports" that **Jessica Simpson** is considering breast-reduction surgery before she walks down the aisle with fiance Eric Johnson. "She thinks if she downsizes her breasts, she will look smaller. She's never loved having a huge chest," a source tells the magazine.

I have a feeling that is the biggest lie In Touch magazine has ever printed, and that is saying something. Because when you think about what men hate about women, a bodacious rack they could stick their heads in for hours probably isn't the first thing on the list.

Talking points

Will, Kate return a gift

William and Kate, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, have taken it upon themselves to do a little re-gifting, starting with a Land Rover they received as a wedding present earlier this year, according to the Associated Press. The royal couple has donated the vehicle to Mountain Rescue England and Wales. "The vehicle will be greatly appreciated," a spokesman for Glossop Mountain Rescue Team, the regional team that ended up with the new ride, said in a statement. "Our present vehicle only has a shelf life of about six months, and we were embarking on a major fundraising exercise to raise more than £45,000 to replace it."

Eddie Murphy to host Oscars

The rumor has been confirmed: **Eddie Murphy** will, indeed, host the 84th annual Academy Awards. "I am enormously honored to join the great list of past Academy Award hosts from Hope and Carson to Crystal, Martin and Goldberg, among others," the actor said in a statement. It won't be his first time at the ceremony. In 2006, Murphy was nominated for Best Supporting Actor for his acclaimed role in "Dreamgirls," although the Oscar went to **Alan Arkin** of "Little Miss Sunshine."

▶ Adele

Adele keeps it real

Adele, who has had to cancel several tour dates this year due to illness, apparently doesn't do so well on the road even when she's feeling healthy. "I puke quite a lot before going on-stage," she tells British Vogue, admitting that there is a bright side to it. "The bigger the freak-out, the more I enjoy the show." But no one should mistake the singer's nerves and anxiety for issues about her weight, of which she says she has none. "I've seen people where it rules their lives, who want to be thinner or have bigger boobs, and how it wears them down," she previously said in an interview with Rolling Stone. "I don't want that in my life. I have insecurities, of course, but I don't hang out with anyone who points them out to me."

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Blasts from the past

1: Shirley MacLaine hammed it up before being awarded the Legion of Honor medal at La Cinematheque francaise on Monday in Paris.
2: Oh hey! It's a picture of Yanni in front of a picture of Yanni. How meta! Here he is at a press conference ahead of his concert on Monday in Beijing.
3: DJ Snoopadelic (aka Snoop Dogg) performed during 2011 Electric Zoo at Randall's Island Park on Thursday in New York.
4: Henry Winkler chilled out with some of his frozen feathered friends at SeaWorld San Diego's Penguin Encounter on Friday in San Diego.
5: George Michael — still looking pretty fine for a guy who routinely passes out in his car — performed at the O2 World in Berlin on Tuesday.
6: Here's a photo we'd never think would happen: Former Vice President Dick Cheney and comedian Carrot Top (do you need help figuring how who is who?) met one another at "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" last Friday.
7: Lauryn Hill performed at the eighth annual Rock The Bells festival on Governor's Island on Saturday in New York City.

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Joe Jonas on his own

The middle brother hits the road with Jay Sean, prepares for 'FastLife'

▶ Joe Jonas is revved up for "FastLife."

Joe Jonas has no concern about downsizing.

Following the lead of his younger brother Nick, he's starting up a solo career. He'll release his debut album, "FastLife," next month and he's uniting with U.K. R&B star Jay Sean for an American co-headlining tour. A European trek opening for Britney Spears will follow that tour.

Going from a band that was wantonly compared to The Beatles (possibly more for popularity rather than artistic output) to being an opening act and co-headliner doesn't seem to bother Jonas at all.

"It's exciting. I'm never the kind of person that looks for things too much to feel disappointed about — you know, what type of venues I'm playing, how many records are sold," Jonas tells Metro. "Having the opportunity to play music and to tour, and to be honest and do what I love, that makes me happy. All the rest will come with it, if it does. If it doesn't, I'm still going to be thankful for what I have."

Though Jonas's solo album attracts plenty of fan and media attention, it is not the huge hoopla the Jonas Brothers drew during their peak. Metro wonders if Jonas feels under less pressure now.

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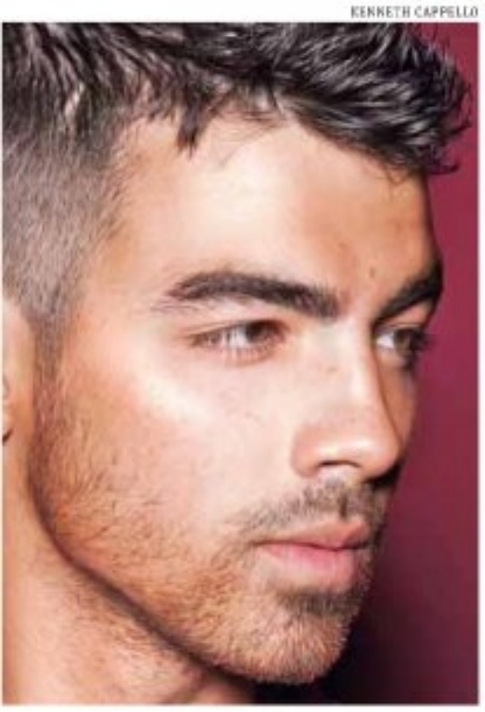

"It can sometimes be even more pressure, just because you put the pressure on yourself to be the best you can be," he says. "Also, when there's less people in the room, that's when I get nervous. It's when it's a huge audience you feel like it's just a sea of people. It's not really one or two. Eighty or 800 people staring you down, it's a totally different thing."

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Jay Sean and his 'Mistress'

While Joe Jonas is releasing his solo debut, Jay Sean has two releases: His fourth album "Freeze Time" and a mixtape project titled "The Mistress" — which he says is "more explicit, based around the theme of promiscuity." Purity ring, anyone?

TV watch list

'Rescue Me'

DRAMA. After seven seasons, this painfully dark and darkly hilarious series chronicling the heroics and misadventures of a group of New York City firefighters post-9/11 comes to a close in the most fitting way possible — with the crew taking both poignant and funny methods to cope with the aftermath of last week's devastating blaze.
Series finale, 10 p.m., FX

'Master Debaters'

REALITY. A title like that for a show that dubs itself the "ultimate male roundtable" proves what we suspected — host Jay Mohr still lives in a frat house. **Series premiere, 10:30 p.m., Fuel TV**

'NOVA'

NEWS. "Engineering Ground Zero" examines the design and construction of One World Trade Center and the National September 11 Memorial & Museum under strict security and "green" building demands, as well as the pressure to create a fitting space for remembrance.
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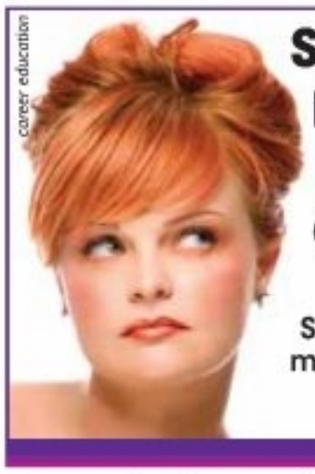
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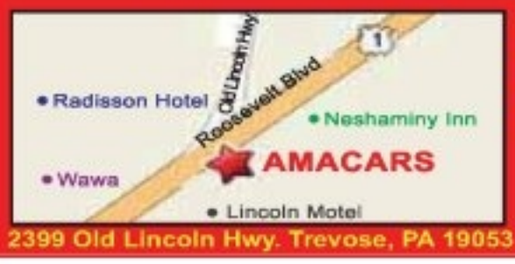

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The Doctor (Oz) is in

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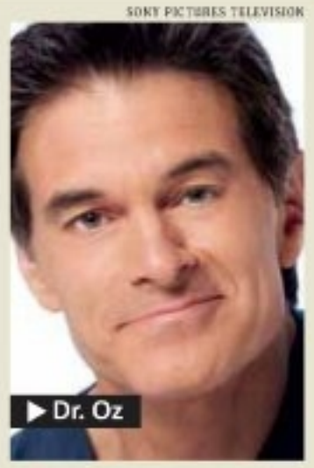
There's a massive problem in America with loneliness. And I know that sounds like a weird first step. I could have picked obesity, which is a huge problem among the young. And I could have picked stress, but I think the main reason stress is such an issue for so many young professionals is because of loneliness that so many feel. And I think social networks have attempted to bring back the connections, but I don't think [they've] really addressed it like [they need] to. What helps us make sense of suffering and discomfort is the people in our lives. So, if you're a young professional in America and you're having difficulty connecting, then you have less of a network that supports you as those crisis points hit. Loneliness is, across the globe, a big issue. I think, especially for the young generation, they're going to have to find those tools [to fight it]. It's not going to come through social networks. It's going to take more than that.



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Fighting flawlessness

What's the difference between doing your best and taking things too far? Combat the perfectionist in you Here's how

The question:

I've been called a perfectionist by a lot of people, and they are probably right. I tend to obsess over things and push for perfect all the time. Case in point: It took me way too long just to write this question. What is perfectionism, and how can I do less of it?

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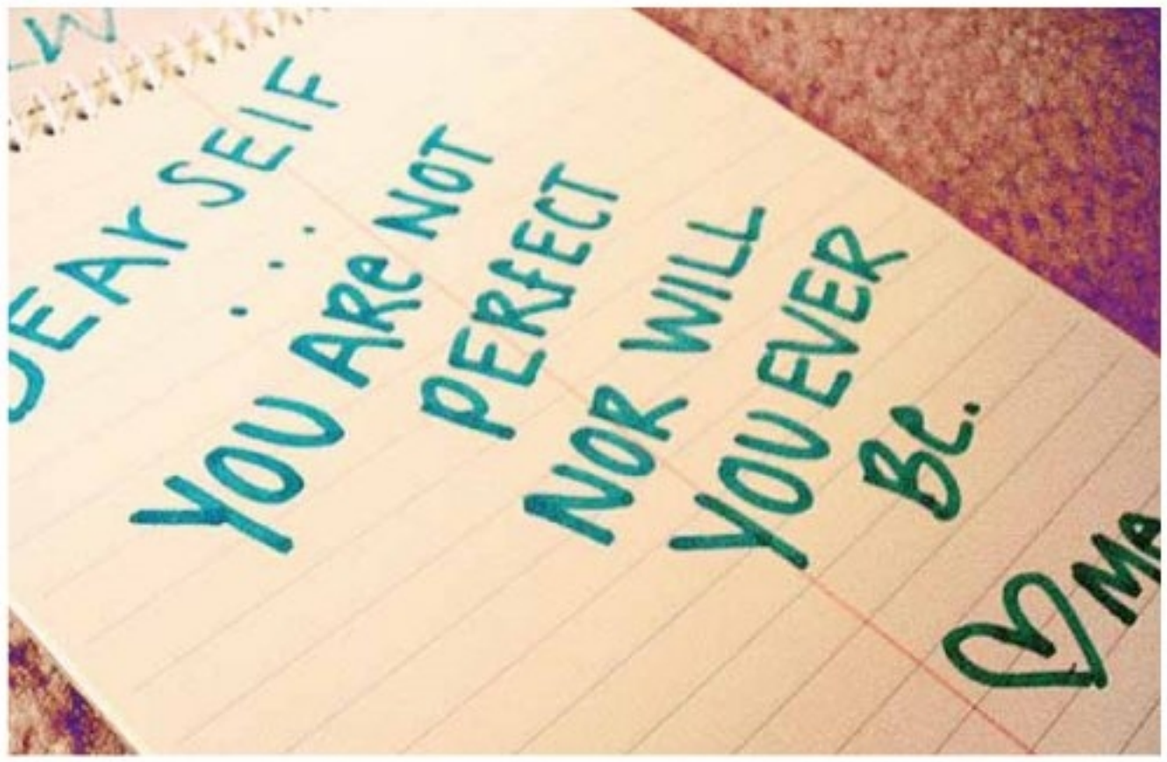

Perfectionism isn't about getting it right or being perfect; rather, it's a perpetual quest to find what's wrong with something. For example, one may look at what others consider a beautiful piece of art and find flaws in it. Ultimately, a perfectionist needs to embrace the concept that there's no such thing as perfect. Things can be just good or just OK.

Early on, a perfectionist may have been given mixed messages from parents: "Good job … but you can do better." Or "Getting a B is good but an A is better." This simultaneous criticism and praise sends a mixed message to the child and there's a drive to satisfy the parent and do better, even when things by most standards are fine. Over time, a person becomes mired in this thinking. Depression and anxiety develop, and relationships can take a hit.

Here's how to be less perfect:

- Change your narrative. Rather than looking at something's negative aspects and perceived deficits and shortcomings, look at the positive traits and what you know to be fact. Lower your standards and come up with new and acceptable ones.
- Revaluate your goals. Make them reasonable and be flexible.
- Kill the dichotomous thinking. Accept the notion that there are more options than just perfect and imperfect. By seeing the countless shades of gray between black and white, you'll expand your thinking; this can benefit you.
- Ask yourself: When is enough, enough? Embrace and normalize being OK.
- Go ahead and get really messy and dirty — make mistakes, loosen up your thinking and prove to yourself that you're still fine.

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New plan, same as the old plan

Obama's plan on creating new jobs is to do what most politicians have already done — throw some money at roads and bridges that need to be fixed and then hope for the best. Are we living in a time where we just roll over and accept what is given to us? Or are we going to learn how to differentiate wrong from right and say, "end the tax breaks for the wealthy" and implement a plan that would better create long-term jobs for those who desperately need them?

RICARDO CUMMINGS, VIA E-MAIL

Fix the economy, create jobs? That's neither the function of the president nor the Congress! What they could do to help would be to stop the wild spending spree such as these unconstitutional wars, foreign aid and getting out of areas where the government has no business — like housing, medicine and education, just to name a few.

FRANK ST GEORGE, VIA E-MAIL

Missing one important stat

RE: "9/11 BY THE NUMBERS": For your attempt to statistically summarize the decade since 9/11/01, Steve Annear missed the most important figure: 2,977 — the number of innocent lives lost that day in Lower Manhattan, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pa. Egregious oversight.

WILLIAM BURKE, VIA E-MAIL

The denial of our religion

RE: "THE RELIGION OF OUR DENIAL": Mr. Dupont's outrage is understandable when it comes to the word "god" being banned at military funerals. I say it's understandable because people like him often get enraged at things that don't actually exist — but in fact the opposite is the problem. The VA has not banned the use of the word "god" at military funerals nor are they blocking prayers so long as the families request them. As far as the clergy ban at the 9/11 10th anniversary memorial ceremony goes, I support it wholeheartedly. The 9/11 attacks were perpetrated by crazed religious zealots. The last thing we need is for the memorial services to be hijacked by more of them.

JIM MOREY, VIA E-MAIL

Better the clergy of all faiths stand with the rest of us on that day, rather than over us on a podium.

JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Do not take on an assignment that must be completed today if you're not sure you can do it in time. It's better to be honest up front rather than make yourself look bad by falling short.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You'll not mind helping out another as long as the act is voluntary. Being manipulated by another to do his or her bidding, however, is likely to make you extremely resentful.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Keep your obligations to friends in proper perspective. Don't rush to help someone you want to impress but who has done nothing for you.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** If success eludes you, it isn't likely to be because you're unwilling to work hard. It may be due to the fact that your focus is more on fun and games than on your obligations.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** It's never smart to debate philosophical issues because there is no solving them. Chances are each side can get too emotionally involved.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Parity will be required in order for a joint endeavor to be successful. If you're not willing to give as much as the other guy or gal puts toward a project, don't get involved.

♓ Pisces Feb. **20-March 20.** Be honest about your lack of know-how instead of trying to tackle something you can't possibly handle. You'll only embarrass yourself.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You could easily thwart your own purposes by being unduly aggressive. Slow down and take it easy because trying too hard can be as ineffective as not trying at all.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Understate your sales pitch and let the listener fill in the blanks with what they want. Sometimes a soft sell is the most effective weapon.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Just because someone is a good friend is not reason enough to ask financial advice from him or her. Make sure the person you go to has the experience to advise you wisely.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Put your mind in gear before you open your mouth and start talking. If you don't, all kinds of things could come out, such as some ill-chosen words.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** One of your favorite friends, who's always in a financial bind, might hit on you once again to bail him or her out. It's time to put limits on how much and how often you can do so.

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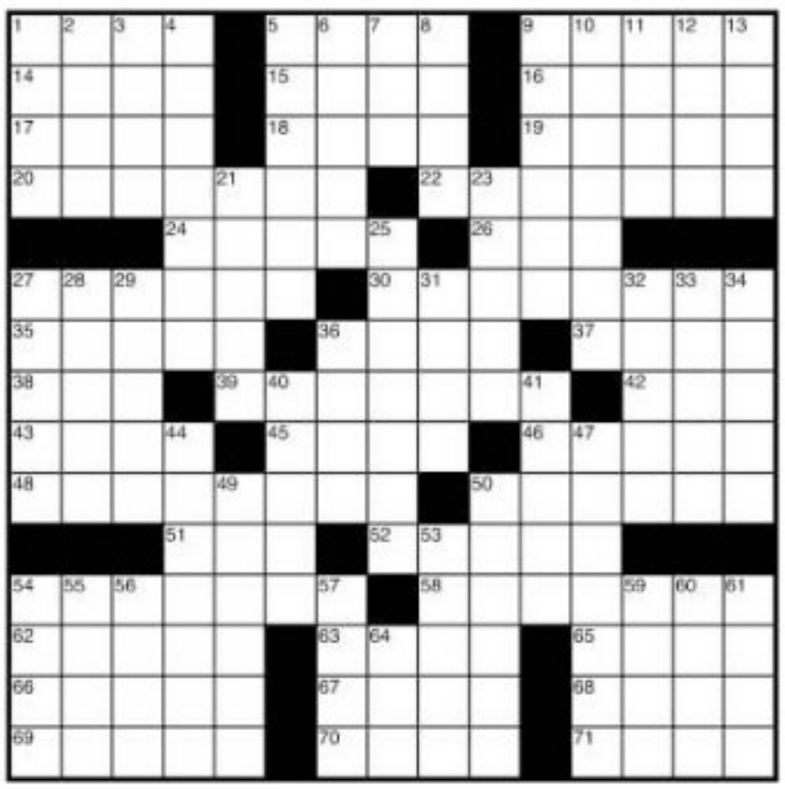

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Phils will rest position guys, not pitchers

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▶ Last night's Phillies-Braves game was delayed 1 hour, 53 minutes due to rain. The contest ended too late for this edition. Check us out online at www.metro.us/sports.

- Manuel plans to sit Howard, regulars down stretch
- But starting rotation expected to stay on schedule

The Phillies' Achilles' heel going into the playoffs might be Ryan Howard's left ankle. The first baseman, who leads the NL in RBIs with 107, has been bothered by bursitis.

"When I'm up and walking, it loosens up," Howard said. "I feel it some days. I feel it right now."

The problem surfaced last month, but Howard plans to fight and play through the pain.

"I'm going out there unless I'm in the hospital," Howard said.

The pain subsided when the Phillies had back–to-back days off last week, courtesy of Hurricane Irene.

"It definitely helped a little bit," Howard said.

When the Phillies clinch a playoff berth, expect manager Charlie Manuel to rest some of his everyday players, including the Big Piece. Howard won't be the only regular getting a break.

Quoted

"[Vance] Worley got messed up when we pitched him out of the bullpen. We pitched him 75 pitches out of the bullpen [in a game]. That can mess up a starting rotation."

CHARLIE MANUEL, WHO PLANS NOT TO REST HIS ROTATION TOO MUCH

On TV today

Braves at Phillies, 7:05 p.m. (CSN)

"We also have to watch Polly [Placido Polanco]," Manuel said. "He's going to need a blow."

However, Manuel does not intend to give his starting pitchers a break down the stretch.

"We have to make sure our pitching is ready and strong enough," Manuel said. "We can't have the guys in our rotation throw 75 pitches two or three times and expect them to throw 115 or 120 pitches in a playoff game. If we were to do that, we'd be back to square one."

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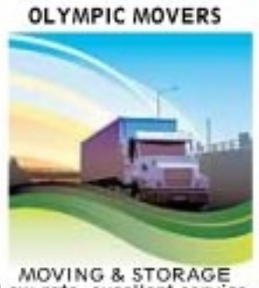

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Clifton's legend growing bigger

Lee making serious run at NL Cy Young Award ◗ Ace left-hander with two scoreless streaks of 29-plus innings ◗ Hasn't lost game since July 25 ◗ Worth noting, walks are up from last season in roller-coaster 2011

It's difficult to criticize Cliff Lee's season. Philadelphia's most popular athlete has certainly enjoyed a triumphant return.

It might be nit-picking but his walk total (40) is already more than double (18) from last season.

"I know I've walked more guys than last season, but I just think guys have laid off more pitches this year than last year," Lee said. "Also, what I think have been strikes have sometimes been called balls … but that's baseball. I have more walks this year, but I also have more strikeouts and I think that goes hand in hand."

With six more Monday, Lee has 200 strikeouts (204, to be exact) for the first time in his career. And he's been lights-out in June and August. Lee was 5-0 both months, posting a ridiculous 0.21 ERA in June and 0.45 ERA in August. He's now 1-0 with no runs allowed in his only September start.

"I've had some ups and downs," Lee said. "I try to ride the ups as long as I can and I try to end the bad streaks as soon as I can. This has been a very enjoyable season."

The 2011 campaign, which could earn Lee an NL Cy Young to match the AL one he earned back in 2008, has been what the loose ace envisioned when he decided to spurn the mighty Yankees.

"This season is what I expected it to be," Lee said. "We have pitching, but it's not just about pitching with this team. It's solid throughout. This is a better team than it was in 2009, so I'm not surprised when it comes to our record or what we've accomplished. We're that good and I'm thrilled to be part of it."

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Consecutive scoreless innings tossed by Lee, including Monday's complete-game shutout. Earlier in the year, the ace lefty had a streak of 34 straight scoreless frames. The last time any MLB pitcher had two streaks of 29.2-plus in a season was 1972, according to Elias Sports Bureau.

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▶ Lee has 204 strikeouts.

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Division rival jumps on Birds bandwagon

Redskins' Cooley calls Eagles 'team to beat' Says East is tough division TE applauds offseason moves

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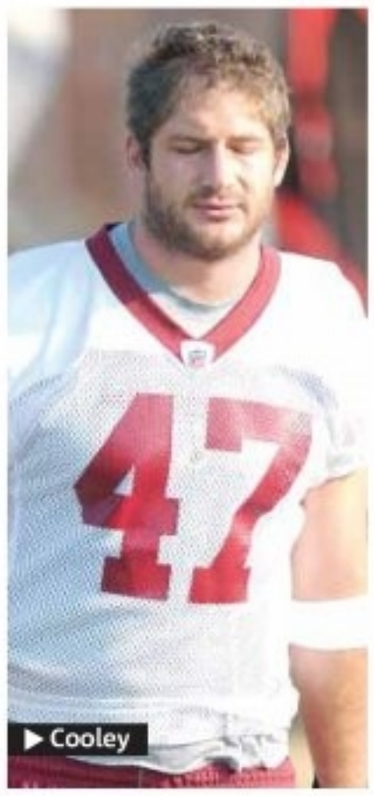

▶ Cooley

Chris Cooley, perhaps channeling his inner Jimmy Rollins — in a reverse way — has called the Eagles the team to beat in the NFC East.

The Redskins tight end appeared on a D.C.-area radio show yesterday and applauded the Eagles for their offseason moves.

"I think Philly's the team to beat, looking at what they've done right now. But when you look at the NFL and you look at the East, everyone can be very good," Cooley told 106.7 The Fan, according to Sportsradiointerviews.com "It's a tough division and it always will be, but when you look at what Philly did and when you look at the players they have and coming off the year they had last year, I think they're a very good football team."

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Cooley also cooled talk that his Redskins were favorites to win the division. Quarterback Rex Grossman had hinted that he thought Washington could win the NFC East a few weeks ago.

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YES, FOOTBALL IS BACK! ... AHH! MY EYES!

Opinion

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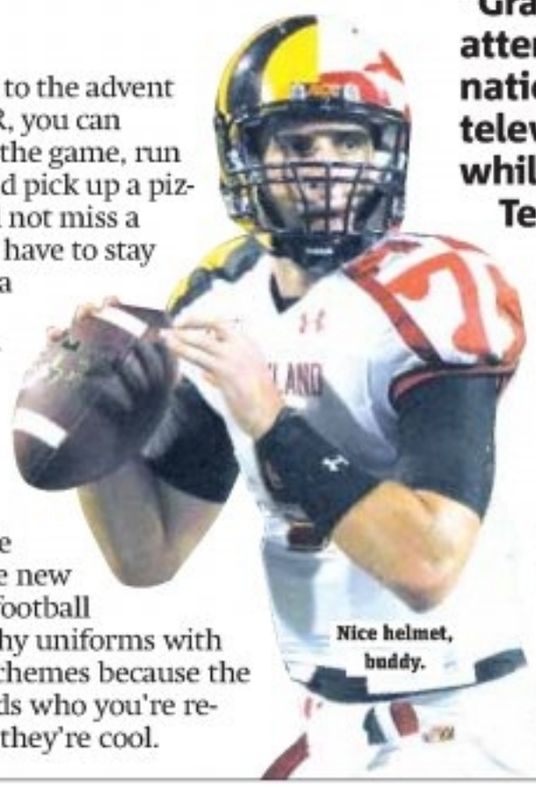
It's good to have football back, isn't it? After a boring sports summer full of lockouts and low-rent baseball pennant races, I greatly enjoyed sitting on the couch all day Saturday watching college football.

Thanks to the advent of DVR, you can pause the game, run out and pick up a pizza and not miss a thing. You just have to stay off social media for a minute.

But did anyone else notice that as the weekend wore on, the jerseys got more and more ridiculous? The new fad in college football is wearing flashy uniforms with brazen color schemes because the high school kids who you're recruiting think they're cool.



Nice helmet, buddy.

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Look! A blonde wife!

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While they were engaged, TV cameras often found McCoy's blonde girlfriend in the crowd. She became an online sensation.

Kellen Moore, Boise State's quarterback, did the same thing. Moore married his girlfriend (they've been dating since middle school) over the summer. And cameras caught his wife, **Julie**, in the stands Saturday night, and it's safe to assume you'll be seeing lots of her this year.

Wacky NFL predictions

With the NFL season starting tomorrow night, can I interest you in some wacky predictions for the upcoming season?

Aaron Rodgers has dated a grapefruit heiress, a singer and a couple actresses. He'll start dating a female athlete (**Hope Solo** is single, right?) and when Green Bay loses in the playoffs, someone will mention that **Tom Brady** hasn't won a title since he starting dating **Gisele**. ... **Jay Cutler** and the Bears will be terrible, but Cutler's ex-fiancee will finish in the Top 3 on Dancing with the Stars. ... **Reggie Bush** will be a fixture on the South Beach scene and the Miami Dolphins will have the worst record in the league. ... The Saints beat the Chargers in a high-scoring Super Bowl.

– Jason Raj McIntyre covers athletes off the field and runs the popular blog, The Big Lead.

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What it lacks in grocery stores and quiet Saturday nights, the area more than makes up for in restaurants and sweet converted lofts

▶ Old City's many galleries open their doors with new exhibits on First Fridays.

America's most historic square mile needs a grocery store. Old City — home to the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, the Betsy Ross House and other tourist favorites — has more chic loft-style condos than you can shake a stick at, but it lacks some of the commercial options that help a neighborhood thrive, says realtor Antonio Atacan of Keller Williams Center City.

"There are art galleries and restaurants and bars, but there was no commercial explosion, no new diversity in terms of retail, that you see in a place like Northern Liberties," Atacan says.

But, he adds, for a young professional working in Center City who wants easy access to hopping nightlife, Old City is perfect.

The neighborhood, which runs from Front Street to Sixth and from Walnut to Vine, also attracts some empty nesters in their 50s and 60s looking to leave the boring 'burbs behind and settle into a hip, urban condo.

"There's a large divide between demographics here. You have the 65-year-old retirees living very cushy existences and the

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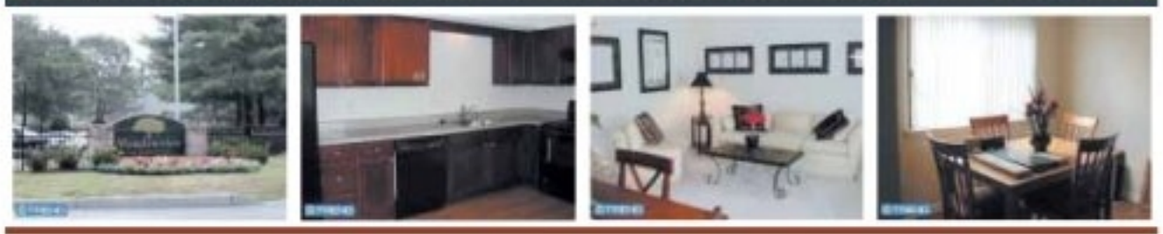

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▶ The neighborhood's nightlife might not be ideal for sleeping, but it is great for going out.

post-college chums bunking together and trashing their place every weekend," says Eric Berley, 31. He and his brother, Ryan, own Franklin Fountain, an old-fashioned ice-cream shop at 116 Market St. They're in the process of restoring Shane Confectionery, a 100-year-old candy store a few doors down.

Berley, who's lived in Old City for seven years, says the nightlife causes occasional problems for residents — but the area has "good potential" and some new commercial development in the proposal stage.

"The sun is rising," he says. "I'd paint the picture as promising."

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By the numbers

Old City was originally an industrial area full of foundries, factories and warehouses, so buyers will find big buildings converted into condos, instead of the small brownstones common in other parts of Center City.

Most of the homes are priced for the first-time buyer, says Atacan, with 700-square-foot condos going for around $220,000 to $250,000. For $325,000 to $375,000, you can get 1,200 square feet.

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